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In re application of: Frank Reisinger

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Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME	
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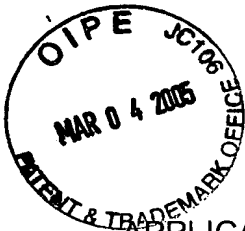
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S I R:

Applicant and his counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated December 1, 2005, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the references relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 1, 2004, claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubatzki et al., Aas, and Simionescu et al.

This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The Kubatzki et al. reference discloses a postage meter and a scale connected thereto. Periodically it becomes necessary to load new data, such as new postage rate table data, into the arrangement. As also noted by the Examiner, the scale may be a postage-calculating scale, in which case the data must be loaded into the postage-calculating scale. The Kubatzki et al. reference, however,